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First Named Inventor	Weimin Li
Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	D. Vu
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1035

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i. Amendment/Reply iii. (copy of 6/25/04 filing) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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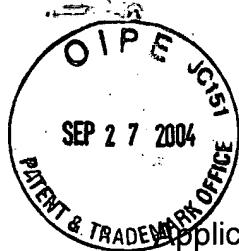
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